

**PATENT** (5596-00301)OCT 18 2006 IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE plication No.: 09/895,457 Examiner: Nguyen, Nga B June 29, 2001 Filed: 3628 Group/Art Unit: Inventor(s): Atty. Dkt. No: 5596-00301 Nobuyoshi Morimoto I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date indicated below. Title: System and Method for Negotiating Improved Robert C. Kowert Printed Name Terms for Products and Services Being Purchased October 16, 2006 Through The Internet Date Signature

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